GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4336
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COMPLETION OF BRIDGE OVER MAHANADI
PRASANNA KUMAR PATASANI

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the inordinate delay in the completion of the bridge over Mahanadi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS[MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI]

(a) to (d) Presumably the information has been sought regarding the bridge on Mahanadi near Boudh on Boudh-Kiakata-Rairkhol State Road which was approved in 1993 by the Ministry under the Scheme of Economic Importance & Inter-State Connectivity (E&I) with 50% share of the original estimated cost. The work is being executed by the State Government.

According to the information received from the State Government, the main reasons for the delay in completion of the work are rescinding of the contract of the original agency due to slow progress and re-awarding of the work to another agency, and constraints of funds faced by the State Government. The revised estimated cost of completion of the project is Rs.34.64 crore and the revised target date of completion is December 2002.